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PASS MARKS

Introductory Grades 65% Grades 1 to 8 65%

with Merit 80%; with Distinction 90%

Merit is shown as %Honours+in Ireland

Pre-diploma certificate 75% (85% with Honours)

Medal examinations 75%

Diplomas 75% (85% with Honours)

WHAT THE EXAMINERS ARE LOOKING FOR

Examiners are looking for a combination of skill, knowledge and understanding. Questions are asked in a manner which assesses the candidates depth of understanding, not merely the ability to repeat definitions. Ingenuity, variety, musicianship, and a sense of style are rewarded, as well as technical skill and musical accuracy.

ACCOMPANIMENT

In the introductory grades the pieces are unaccompanied but from Grade One onwards pieces should be performed accompanied (unless there is an option to perform unaccompanied). It is the responsibility of each candidate to provide a competent accompanist or accompaniment, and the necessary music. The playing of the accompaniment must be adequate to enable examiners to make their assessment without the distraction of making unnecessary allowances. An accompanist will only remain in the room for the portion of the examination for which s/he is required. A piano, electronic keyboard, guitar or other appropriate instrument may be used to accompany the Pieces.

Accompanists are permitted to give candidates starting notes for Vocal Exercises, Scales, etc.

If a CD backing track is used, the candidate must be able to operate the audio equipment competently from Grade 1 onwards. No allowance will be made for time wasted because equipment is not fully prepared

OWN COMPOSITIONS Candidates for Grades 1 to 8 may perform their own compositions in lieu of Musicianship Tests. Further guidance is set out in *Crazy Composing* available from www.vcmpublications.co.uk.

REGULATIONS

All entries are accepted on the conditions laid down in *General Regulations and Information*, a copy of which is available free of charge. It is also on our website: www.vcmexams.com

ENTRY FORMS

All *grades* and *medal* examinations can be entered on white entry forms with no more than ten candidates on a page. Please use the code CT in the column headed %ubject+and the letter(s) or numbers in the %grade no.+column.

QUESTIONS

Questions are based principally on the music performed; but in addition examiners are at liberty to ask questions on notes, rests, musical terms and signs, key and time-signatures, according to the Grade. Also specifically on minor keys; perfect, major, and minor intervals (Grade 3 upwards).

SIGHT READING

Sight Reading tests are included from Preparatory level upwards. The relative standard will be that of approximately two grades below the grade being taken. Examiners will be at liberty to discuss the Sight Reading Test with candidates as part of the Questions.

PIECES

Candidates are required to prepare the whole of the pieces they have selected from the lists, but the examiner may stop the candidate at any given point or ask for certain sections to be performed, or to omit repeats where appropriate.

SCALES, ARPEGGIOS, ETC.

The examiner will request a representative sample of those specified for a particular examination. Candidates will not be expected to perform scales specified for earlier grades.

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EXEMPTION FROM QUESTIONS AT PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS

Candidates who have passed certain VCM Theoretical Examinations are entitled to claim full marks for questions at Practical Examinations as follows:

Grade 1 Theory exempts up to and including Preliminary Practical

Grade 1A Theory exempts up to and including Preparatory

Grade 2 Theory exempts up to and including Grade 3 Practical

Grade 3 Theory exempts up to and including Grade 5 Practical

Grade 4 Theory exempts up to and including Grade 7 Practical

In all such cases the theory result or certificate must be produced for the Examiner at the beginning of the practical examination.

MEMORY

Performing from memory is not compulsory at any level. However, it is encouraged and will be rewarded.

DEPORTMENT

Candidates should perform facing the examiner standing or sitting independently. They should use a separate copy of the music unless performing from memory. Candidates must not perform by looking over the shoulder of the accompanist.

Introductory Examinations

A -First Steps

SURNAME	FORENAMES	SUBJECT	GRADE

Exercises (20 Marks)

Candidates must choose and perform two of the exercises set out in the Exam Sheet (or Tutor Book) for the grade.

Scalework (10 marks)

To play the scale of G major, one octave.

Solo Pieces (60 marks)

To perform any two of the following Pieces from the Exam Sheet (or Tutor Book) for the grade; or one of the pieces plus an \mathcal{n} wn choice+suitable for the grade:

Bonfield-Brown: Marching Dinosaurs

Traditional: Lightly Row Traditional: Merrily

Pashley: Paddy the Panda Pashley: Clarinet Sneeze

Questions (10 marks)

B-Preliminary

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SURNAME	FORENAMES	SUBJECT	GRADE

Exercises (20 Marks)

Candidates must choose and perform two of the exercises set out in the Exam Sheet (or Tutor Book) for the grade.

Scalework (10 marks)

To play the Scale of F and G major, one octave.

Solo Pieces (60 marks)

To perform any two of the following pieces from the Exam Sheet (or Tutor Book) for the grade; or one of the pieces plus an \mathcal{n} wn choice+suitable for the grade:

Bonfield-Brown: Skipping Along Traditional: Twinkle Twinkle Little Star Traditional: Au Claire de la Lune Pashley: Crack those A notes open!

Pashley: Catlike Clarinet

Questions (10 marks)

C - Preparatory

SURNAME	FORENAMES	SUBJECT	GRADE

Exercises (20 Marks)

Candidates must choose and perform two of the exercises set out in the Exam Sheet (or Tutor Book) for the grade.

Scalework (10 marks)

To play the Scale of F and G major, one octave.

Solo Pieces (50 marks)

To perform any two of the following pieces from the Exam Sheet (or Tutor Book) for the grade; or one of the pieces plus an \wwn choice+suitable for the grade:

Bonfield-Brown: Walking the Dog

Traditional: Yankee Doodle

Traditional: God save the Queen Pashley: Ioye got Those B Flat Blues

Pashley: Crispy Chicken

Questions (10 marks) Sight Reading (10 marks)

D- Advanced Preparatory

SURNAME	FORENAMES	SUBJECT	GRADE

Exercises (20 Marks)

Candidates must choose and perform two of the exercises set out in the Exam Sheet (or Tutor Book) for the grade.

Scalework (10 marks)

To play the Scale of C, and F major, one octave.

Solo Pieces (50 marks)

To perform any two of the following pieces from the Exam Sheet (or Tutor Book) for the grade; or one of the pieces plus an \www.mchoice+suitable for the grade:

Bonfield-Brown: Kiev River Traditional: on Top of Old Smoky Pashley: Strawberry Shortcake Pashley: The Old Fog Horn

Questions (10 marks) Sight Reading (10 marks)

Grade One

SURNAME FORENAMES SUBJECT GRADE

Solo Pieces (60 marks)

To play any three of the following pieces (one taken from each list):

List A

Grade 1 Clarinet Exam Sheet or Grade 1 Clarinet the Tutor Book London Music Press

Traditional: Go From My Window Traditional: The Grand Old Duke of York

The First Book of Clarinet Solos Faber
Pierrot
Riding on a Donkey
Song of the Volga Boatmen
Prelude

The Really Easy Clarinet Clarinet Book **Faber**Lullaby
Drunken Sailor
The Little dove

Boosey Woodwind Method Clarinet Bk 1 **B& H** Kind of Love

Making The Grade Grade 1 Clarinet Chester Little Brown Jug The Banks of The Ohio

What Else Can I Play Clarinet Grade 1 Faber Minuet The British Grenadiers

Wedgwood Upgrade! Grades 1-2 Faber
Land of Hope and Glory
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What Shall We do With the Drunken Sailor



List B

Grade 1 Clarinet Exam Sheet or Grade 1 Clarinet the Tutor Book **London Music Press**

Bonfield-Brown: Rainy Day Pashley: What Can it Be?

What Else Can I Play Clarinet Grade 1 Faber
Puff the Magic Dragon
Ion Forever Blowing Bubbles

Making The Grade Grade 1 Clarinet Chester
Eastenders
Love Me Tender
Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious

Clarinet All Sorts (Grades 1-3) **Trinity Faber** Playford: Grannys Delight Rae:Time To Go

Wedgwood Upgrade! Grades 1-2 Faber
Theme from the Teddy Bearc Picnic
Chinese Take it Away

List C

Grade 1 Clarinet Exam Sheet or Grade 1 Clarinet the Tutor Book **London Music Press** Pashley: Study No 1

80 Studies for Clarinet Book 1: No.5,6,8,9 or 10 **Faber** Clarinet Studies by Lyons No.10 **Useful Music**

Progressive Studies for Clarinet Book 1: No.1 or 2 ABRSM

Scalework (10 marks)

One Octave Scale and arpeggio of F, G, C major; A minor **Questions** (10 marks)

Sight Reading (10 marks)

Either Musicianship Tests (10 Marks)

Test 1: To clap a rhythm in 2/4 time. 2 bars in length, played twice by the examiner.

Test 2: To identify any note in the arpeggio C/E/G/C', Middle C being given

Test 3: To echo a five-note phrase played twice by the examiner.

or Composition (10 Marks)

Perform an own composition of about 8 bars in the key of C major. It should be balanced as an opening 4-bar phrase which forms a %puestion+and a 4-bar phrase that forms an %answer+

Grade Two

SURNAME FORENAMES SUBJECT GRADE

Solo Pieces (60 marks)

To play any three of the following pieces (one taken from each list):

List A

Grade 2 Clarinet Exam Sheet

or Grade 2 Clarinet the Tutor Book London Music Press

Traditional: Nobody Knows The Trouble love Seen

Traditional: love Got Peace Like a River

Handel: Minuet

The First Book of Clarinet Solos Faber

Landler

To a Wild Rose Shepherds Hey

Scherzo Lullaby

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The Really Easy Clarinet Book Faber

Landler

Making The Grade Grade 2 Clarinet Chester

Greensleeves Hava Nagila Skye Boat Song

What Else Can I Play Clarinet Grade 2 Faber

Swan Lake Skateros Waltz

The Lincolnshire Poacher

The Best of Grade 2 Clarinet Faber

Lefevre: Dance

Schumann: The Merry Peasant

Greensleeves Mozart: Lullaby

List B

Grade 2 Clarinet Exam Sheet

or Grade 2 Clarinet the Tutor Book London Music Press

Bonfield-Brown: Frisco Dawn Bonfield-Brown: Watsup

Bonfield-Brown: Creepie Crawlie

What Else Can I Play Clarinet Grade 2 P Faber

The White Cliffs of Dover

Sing a Rainbow True Love

Making The Grade Grade 2 Clarinet Chester

AnniesqSong
Nellie the Elephant
The Gift to Be Simple
Last of the Summer Wine
Yellow Submarine
Tulips from Amsterdam

Mull of Kintyre

Who Do You Think You are Kidding Mr Hitler?

List B Continued...

The Best of Grade 2 Clarinet Faber

Wedgwood: Big Brother Blues Christopher Norton: Solitary

Up Grade! Clarinet Grades 2-3 Faber

Wedgwood: Rosie Wedgwood: Just for You

Graham Lyons: New Clarinet Solos Book 2

Bonjour

Andante Semplice

List C

Grade 2 Clarinet Exam Sheet

or Grade 2 Clarinet the Tutor Book London Music Press

Pashley: Study No. 2

80 Studies for Clarinet Book 1: 11,12,13,or 15 Faber

Clarinet Studies by Lyons No.12 Useful Music

Progressive Studies for Clarinet Book 1: No.1 or 2 ABRSM

The Best of Grade 2 Clarinet Faber

Demnitz: Study in C Lazarus: Study No.15

Scalework (10 marks)

One Octave

Scale and arpeggio of F, G, C and D major; A & E minor

Questions (10 marks)

Sight Reading (10 marks)

Either Musicianship Tests (10 Marks)

Test 4: To clap a rhythm in 2/4 time. 2 bars in length, played

twice by the examiner.

Test 5: To identify any note C to G, played from C

Test 6: To hum, play or play a group of 5 or 6 notes played twice by the examiner, and to complete the phrase by adding

one note

or Composition (10 Marks)

Perform an own composition of about 16 bars in the key of C, G or F major. It should be balanced as an opening 4-bar phrase which forms a %question+, a 4-bar phrase that forms an %answer+, a repeat of the opening 4-bar phrase, and a second %answering+phrase

Grade Three

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Solo Pieces (60 marks)

To play any three of the following pieces (one taken from each list):

List A

Grade 3 Clarinet Exam Sheet or Grade 3 Clarinet the Tutor Book **London Music Press**

Purcell: Air

Traditional: Shed Be Coming Round the Mountain

Clarinet Solos Vol.1 Chester II Mio Tesoro

Trio

Finzi 5 Bagatelles Boosey & Hawkes Carol

Making The Grade, Grade 3 Clarinet **Chester** America Yesterday

What Else Can I Play Clarinet Grade 3 Faber The Kerry Dance Stranger on the Shore

The Best of Grade 3 Clarinet Faber
Arne: When Daisies Pied
Kullak: WitchesqDance
Macdowell: To a Wild Rose

Amazing Solos for Clarinet arr. Harrison **Boosey & Hawkes** J S Bach: Minuet for Anna Magdalena

List B

Grade 3 Clarinet Exam Sheet or Grade 3 Clarinet the Tutor Book **London Music Press**

Pashley: Floating on Clouds Pashley: My Dog Has Escaped!

What Else Can I Play Clarinet Grade 3 **Faber**My Favourite Things
When You Wish Upon a Star

Making The Grade, Grade 3 Clarinet **Chester** I know Him So Well Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini

The Best of Grade 3 Clarinet Faber
Paul Harris: Computer Game
Dorothy Pilling: Hornpipe
Christopher Gunning: Tall Ships
Christopher Norton: Shoehorn blues

Clarinet All Sorts (Grades 1-3) Trinity Faber

Paul Harris: Computer Game

Up Grade! Clarinet Grades 2-3 Faber Wedgwood: Journey to Saturn Wedgwood: Siberian Gallop

List C

Grade 3 Clarinet Exam Sheet or Grade 3 Clarinet the Tutor Book **London Music Press** Pashley: Study No. 3

80 Studies for Clarinet: 16,17,18,22,23 or 27 Faber

Clarinet Studies by Lyons No.21, 22 or 31 Useful Music

Progressive Studies for Clarinet Book 1:No.19 or 20 ABRSM

The Best of Grade 3 Clarinet **Faber** Study No.29 Demnitz Study No.22

Scalework (10 marks)

Two octaves
Scale and arpeggio of F and G major; A & G minor;
One octave
B flat, D & A major; Chromatic on G

Questions (10marks)

Sight Reading (10 marks)

Either Musicianship Tests (10 Marks)

Test 7: To clap a rhythm in 2/4 or 3/4 time, 2 bars, played twice by the examiner and identify the time as 2/4 or 3/4

Test 8: To identify any note(s) in the chords of C, G, or F, played from the root note.

Test 9: To hum, play or whistle a group of 5 or 6 notes played twice by the examiner, and then to complete the phrase by adding two or three notes.

or Composition (10 Marks)

Perform an own composition in simple binary form in the key of C, G, F, D or B flat major.



Junior Bronze Medal

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Solo Pieces (80 Marks)

Candidates must prepare and perform FOUR pieces in all:

- 1. One piece from the Grade 3 list
- 2. Two pieces from the following list:

Junior Bronze Medal Exam Sheet London Music Press

Traditional: Down by the Riverside Traditional: The Hokey Cokey Traditional: The Happy Wanderer

Brahms: The Sandman

Making The Grade, Grade 3 Clarinet **Chester** Summertime
The Entertainer
The Birdie Song

What Else Can I Play Clarinet Grade 3 Faber Mistletoe and Wine

Walking in the Air from The Snowman Suite Faber

Upgrade Clarinet Grades 2-3 Faber

Traditional: Mango Walk Wedgwood: Rosie Mozart Symphony No.40

Wedgwood: Scale Learning Blues

Clarinet All Sorts **Trinity Faber** Malcolm Arnold: Cornish Dance

Hook: Divertimento Dvorak Humouresque

Music Through Time Book 2 **Oxford**Joplin: When Your Hair is Like the Snow

Beethoven Eccosaise Schubert: Who is Sylvia?

One Own Choice Piece of Grade 3 standard or above and not in the Grade 3 lists.

Questions (10 marks)

Sight Reading (10 marks)



Grade Four

Solo Pieces (60 marks)

To play any three of the following pieces (one taken from each list):

List A

Grade 4 Clarinet Exam Sheet

or Grade 4 Clarinet the Tutor Book London Music Press

Beethoven: German Dance

Traditional: Jericho Faure: Pie Jesu

Amazing Solos for Clarinet Boosey & Hawkes

Seguidilla Troika

First Book of Clarinet Solos Faber

German Dance Rondeau

Clarinet Solos Vol.1 Chester

Labor: Allegro

Mozart: Minuet and Trio

What Else Can I Play Clarinet Grade 4 Faber

Toreadors Song Mexican Hat Dance

The Best of Grade 4 Clarinet Faber

Purcell: Rondeau Paradis: Sicilenne Danzi: Allegretto

Satie: Gymnopedie No.1

First Repertoire Pieces for Clarinet Boosey & Hawkes

Pastorale Fantasy Piece

List B

Grade 4 Clarinet Exam Sheet

or Grade 4 Clarinet the Tutor Book London Music Press

Pashley: Missing You

What Else Can I Play Clarinet Grade 4 Faber

Try To Remember The Pink Panther Mexican Hat Dance

The Best of Grade 4 Clarinet Faber

Christopher Gunning: Estuary Christopher Norton: Stick Together Jeffrey Wilson: Sevenths in Swing

Going Solo Clarinet **Faber** Space Age Sonatina

Estuary

Jazzin About Clarinet **Faber** Wedgwood: Hot On the Line

Wedgwood: Pink Lady

Harris: Suite in Five Ricordi LD735

Allegro Con Fuoco, no,5

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List C

Grade 4 Clarinet Exam Sheet

or Grade 4 Clarinet the Tutor Book **London Music Press**

Pashley: Study No. 4

80 Studies for Clarinet Book 1: 31,33,35,39 Faber

Clarinet Studies by Lyons No.33 or 36 Useful Music

Progressive Studies for Clarinet Book 1: No.27 ABRSM

The Best of Grade 4 Clarinet Faber

Study in G Study in C Study No.44

Scalework. (10 marks)

Two octaves

B flat, D, A, F and G major

A, G, E and D minor

Chromatic on G Dominant 7th in C

Questions (10 marks)

Sight Reading (10 marks)

Either Musicianship Tests (10 Marks)

Test 10: To clap a rhythm in 2/4, 3/4 or 4/4 time played twice by the examiner, to state the time and then to identify the melody as major or minor.

Test 11: To identify triads as major or minor and then to name the notes in them, the root being named by the examiner.

Test 12: To hum, play or whistle a group of notes- 2 bars played by the examiner, and then to complete the melody by adding 4 or 5 notes.

or Composition (10 Marks)

Perform an own composition in simple binary form in the key of D or B flat major, including a modulation to a related key.



Junior Silver Medal

Show on entry form as

SURNAME	FORENAMES	SUBJECT	GRADE

Solo Pieces (80 Marks)

Candidates must prepare and perform FOUR pieces in all:

1. One piece from the Grade 4 list

2. Two pieces from the following list:

Junior Bronze Medal Exam Sheet London Music Press

Mendelssohn: On Wings of Song

Arne: Rule Britannia Purcell: The Knotting Song

Trad: The Mermaid

What Else Can I Play Clarinet Grade 4 Faber

Talk to the Animals

Loves Got a Hold on my Heart

Concert Repertoire Faber Gershwin: I Got Rhythm

Joplin: The Ragtime Dance

First Repertoire for Clarinet by Adams & Morley Faber

Romance Andante

Graham Lyons New Clarinet Solos Book 2 Useful Music

Elgar Takes a Stroll

Velvet

3. One Own Choice Piece of approximately Grade 4 standard but not included in the Grade 4 Lists

Questions (10 marks)

Sight Reading (10 marks)

There are no Scalework, Musicianship Tests or Composition requirements at VCM Medal exams





Grade Five

Solo Pieces (60 marks)

To play any three of the following pieces (one taken from each list):

SURNAME FORENAMES SUBJECT GRADE

List A

Grade 5 Clarinet Exam Sheet or Grade 5 Clarinet the Tutor Book **London Music Press**

Schubert: Military March Mozart: Voi Che Sapete

Finzi: 5 Bagatelles Boosey & Hawkes

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Second Book of Clarinet Solos Faber

Baerman: Adagio Weber: Melodie

Lefevre: Sonata no.1 3rd Movement

Reger: Romanze in G

Clarinet Solos Vol.2 Chester

Crusell: Menuetto from Quartet in C minor

The Best of Grade 5 Clarinet Faber

Mendelssohn: Andante Mozart: Minuet and Trio

Take Ten for Clarinet Universal

Grieg: Anitracs Dance Faure: Pavane

List B

Grade 5 Clarinet Exam Sheet

or Grade 5 Clarinet the Tutor Book London Music Press

Pashley: Indeterminable Variations

The Best of Grade 5 Clarinet Faber Christopher Gunning: Sunday Jaunt

Paul Reade: Summer from The Victorian Kitchen Garden

Paul Harris: Caprice

Second Book of Clarinet Solos Faber

Paul Harris: Down Town Blues Debussy: Petite Piece

Lutoslawski Dance Preludes Chester

No.4

Jazzin About Clarinet Faber Wedgwood: Hot On the Line

Wedgwood: Pink Lady

Arnold: Sonatina Lengnick 2nd Movement: Andantino

The Microjazz Clarinet Collection 2 Boosey & Hawkes

Carthouse Rag Puppet Theatre

The Music of Jim Parker for Clarinet Brasswind

Ground Force
The House of Elliott

List C

Show on entry form as

Grade 5 Clarinet Exam Sheet

or Grade 5 Clarinet the Tutor Book London Music Press

Pashley: Study No.5

80 Studies for Clarinet Book: 45,48,50,52 Faber

Clarinet Studies by Lyons No.35 Useful Music

Progressive Studies for Clarinet Book 1: No.30 or 35 ABRSM

The Best of Grade 5 Clarinet Faber

Study No.1 Study No.47 Study No.48 Study No.50

Scalework (10 marks)

Two octaves, all tongued. A, Ab, E, Eb majors

F, F#, C, C# minors Chromatic from C

Dominant 7th in C

Diminished 7th on E.

Questions (10 marks)

Sight Reading (10 marks)

Either Musicianship Tests (10 Marks)

Test 13: To clap a rhythm in 3/4, 4/4 or 6/8 time - 2 bars - played twice by the examiner, and to state the time, and then to say if the melody is in a major or minor key.

Test 14: To identify triads as major, minor, or diminished; and then to name the notes in them, the root note being named by the examiner.

Test 15: To hum, play or play a two bar phrase played twice by the examiner, and then to continue with an answering two bar phrase.

or Composition (10 Marks)

Perform an own composition in simple ternary form in a key of up to and including 3 sharps or 3 flats, including a modulation to a related key.

Bronze Medal

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Solo Pieces (80 Marks)

Candidates must prepare and perform FOUR pieces in all:

- 1. One piece from the Grade 5 list
- 2. Two pieces from the following list:

Bronze Medal Exam Sheet London Music Press

Ellerby: Fear No More Purcell: Fairest isle

Mendelssohn: O Rest in the Lord Anon.: Where The Bee Sucks

Holcombe Contemporary Clarinet Solos in Pop/Jazz Styles **Studio Music** Lazy ACTernoon

Hart: Jazzy Solos for Clarinet **brasswindpublications.co.uk**City Life 1

Andrew Wilson- Jazz Rock and More published by **spartanpress.co.uk**The Last One Tonight
Waltz for Sally

3. One Own Choice Piece of approximately Grade 5 standard but not included in the Grade 5 Lists

Questions (10 marks)

Sight Reading (10 marks)

There are no Scalework, Musicianship Tests or Composition requirements at VCM Medal exams





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SURNAME	FORENAMES	SUBJECT	GRADE

Solo Pieces (60 marks)

To play any three of the following pieces (one taken from each list):

List A

Grade 6 Clarinet Exam Sheet

or Grade 6 Clarinet the Tutor Book London Music Press

Puccini: Nessun Dorma Traditional: Will O The Wisp

Clarinet Solos Vol.2 Chester

Crusell: Andante Moderato from Concerto in B flat Op.11

Beethoven: Allegro for Wind Sextet

Tartini: Concertino for Clarinet Boosey & Hawkes

1st and 2nd Movements

Finzi: 5 Bagatelles Boosey & Hawkes

Prelude Romance

Gossec arr. De Smet: Tambourin Fentone

Second Book of Clarinet Solos Faber

Baerman: Adagio

Saint Saens: Sonata Op.167 Chester

2nd Movement: Allegro Animato

Weber: Grand Duo Concertant Op.48 Peters

2nd Movement: Andante con moto

Music Through Time Clarinet Book 4 OUP

Lefevre: Adagio from Sonata No.7

List B

Grade 6 Clarinet Exam Sheet

or Grade 6 Clarinet the Tutor Book London Music Press

Pashley: A Dark Place

Lutoslawski Dance Preludes Chester

No.2

Monti: Csardas No.1 Cascade CM48

Second Book of Clarinet Solos Faber

Debussy: Petit Piece

Reade: Suite from the Victorian Garden Weinberger

No.1 Prelude

Music Through Time Clarinet Book 4 OUP

John Rutter: Pie jesu

Mendelssohn: Songs Without Words Op.67 No.2

Rachmaninoff: Vocalise Boosey & Hawkes

List C

Grade 6 Clarinet Exam Sheet

or Grade 6 Clarinet the Tutor Book London Music Press

Pashley: Study No.6

80 Studies for Clarinet Book 1: 56,57,58,59,60 or 64 Faber

Clarinet Studies by Lyons No.42 Useful Music

Progressive Studies for Clarinet Book 1: No.39 or 41 ABRSM

Scalework (10 marks)

Three octaves

E major

E minor (both forms) Chromatic Scale on E

Dominant 7th in A

Diminished 7th on F

Two octaves

B, D flat and E flat major

B flat, E flat, G# and A minor (both forms)

Questions (10 marks)

Sight Reading (10 marks)

Either Musicianship Tests (10 Marks)

Test 16: To clap a rhythm in 4/4, 6/8, or 9/8 time - 2 or 3 bars, played twice by the examiner, to state the time and then to identify whether the phrase is in a major or minor key.

Test 17: To identify any type of triad, and then to name the notes in them, the root note having been named by the examiner.

Test 18: To hum, play or whistle 3 or 4 bars played twice by the examiner, and then to continue by adding an answering phrase.

Test 19: To identify a cadence as Perfect or Plagal.

or Composition (10 Marks)

Perform an own composition in variation form to the theme of *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star* or your own choice of theme. It should have balanced phrases and move to at least two related keys.

Grade Seven

Show on entry form as

SURNAME	FORENAMES	SUBJECT	GRADE

Solo Pieces (60 marks)

To play any three of the following pieces (one taken from each list):

List A

Grade 7 Clarinet Exam Sheet

or Grade 7 Clarinet the Tutor Book London Music Press

Purcell: Ah Belinda

Braham: The Death of Nelson

Saint Saens: Sonata Op. 167 Chester

1st Movement: Allegretto

Tartini: Concertino Boosey & Hawkes

3rd & 4th Movements

Weber: Concerto No.2 Op.74 Boosey & Hawkes

2nd Movement: Romanza

Mozart: Four Church Sonatas K536 Boosey & Hawkes

No.4

List B

Grade 7 Clarinet Exam Sheet or Grade 7 Clarinet the Tutor Book **London Music Press** Pashley: Phantasmagorical

Poulenc: Sonata *Chester* 2nd Movement: Romanza

Lutoslawski Dance Preludes Chester

No.1

Lyons: Sonata Useful Music

Movement 1

Dunhill: Phantasy Suite Boosey & Hawkes

1st & 2nd Movements

Bliss: Pastoral Novello

Horovitz: Sonatina Novello

1st Movement



List C

Grade 7 Clarinet Exam Sheet

or Grade 7 Clarinet the Tutor Book London Music Press

Pashley: Study No.7

80 Studies for Clarinet Book 2 Faber

67,68,69,73,74

Passage Studies arranged by Thurston Book 1 Boosey &

Hawkes

Progressive Studies for Clarinet Book 2 by Allen ABRSM

No.58

Clarinet Studies by Lyons Useful Music

No. 44

Scalework(10 marks)

Two Octaves
All major scales

All harmonic and melodic minors

Dominant seventh in F, d C, G, Bb A and Eb

Diminished 7th on E, F and D Chromatic on any note

Questions (10 marks)

Sight Reading (10 marks)

Either Musicianship Tests (10 Marks)

Test 20: To clap a rhythm in 3/4, 6/8, 9/8 or 5/4 time, for 3 or 4 bars, played twice by the examiner, to identify the time and then to identify whether the phrase is in a major or minor

key.

Test 21: To hum, play or play a group of 3 or 4 bars, played twice by the examiner, and then to complete by adding an

answering phrase of 3 or 4 bars.

Test 22: To identify triads, played in any position, and then to name the notes in them, the root note being given by the

examiner.

Test 23: To identify a cadence as Perfect or Interrupted.

Test 24: To name and play or play the notes in any supertonic triad (major keys only), the Tonic chord having been played

and named by the examiner.

or Composition (10 Marks)

Perform an own composition in Sonata form. It should have balanced phrases and move to at least two related keys.



Show on entry form as

SURNAME	FORENAMES	SUBJECT	GRADE

Solo Pieces (80 Marks)

Candidates must prepare and perform FOUR pieces in all:

- 1. One piece from the Grade 6 list
- 2. Two pieces from the following list:

Silver Medal Exam Sheet London Music Press

Franck: Panis Angelicus Elgar: Where Corals Lie Handel: Where ±r You Walk

Massenet Meditation from Thais Fentone

Compositions for Clarinet By Graham Lyons Book 2 **Useful Music**Melody in Search of a Musical
The Swinging Roundabout
La Petite Michelle
Annie Darwin

Andrew Wilson- Jazz Rock and More **spartanpress.co.uk**Put Your Hoe Down
Summer Samba

Jazzed Up Too for Clarinet, arr.Parker published by **brasswindpublications.co.uk** Jim Parker Twinkle Toes

3. One Own Choice Piece of approximately Grade 6 standard but not included in the Grade 6 Lists

Questions (10 marks)

Sight Reading (10 marks)

There are no Scalework, Musicianship Tests or Composition requirements at VCM Medal exams



Grade Fight

Candidates must pass or have passed VCM Grade IV Theory of Music - or hold a certificate of exemption - before the Grade 8 practical certificate is awarded.

Solo Pieces (60 marks)

To play any three of the following pieces (one taken from

each list):

List A

Grade 8 Clarinet Exam Sheet or Grade 8 Clarinet the Tutor Book **London Music Press**

Gluck: O Del Mio Dolce Ardor

Burgmuller: Duo Simrock

Mozart: Concerto K.622 Chester

1st Movement: Allegro

Weber: Grand Duo Concertante Peters

1st Movement

Finzi: 5 Bagatelles Boosey & Hawkes

Fughetta

Brahms: Sonata in Eb op 120.no.2 Wiener

Schumann: No.3 from Fantasiestucke Henle

Spohr: Concerto No.1 in C minor Op.26 Peters

Mov 3: Rondo

Weber: Concertino in Eb op.26 Boosey & Hawkes

Crusell: Concerto no.2 in F minor op.34 UE

3rd Movement

Clarinet Solos Vol.2 Chester

Glazanov: Allegretto from the four seasons

List B

Grade 8 Clarinet Exam Sheet

or Grade 8 Clarinet the Tutor Book **London Music Press**

Pashley: Seascape

Poulenc: Sonata Chester

3rd Movement

Lutoslawski Dance Preludes Chester

No.3 and 5

Arnold: Sonatina Legnick

1st mov: Allegro Con Brio

Dunhill: Phantasy Suite Boosey & Hawkes

3rd & 6th Movements

Bliss: Pastoral Novello

Horovitz: Sonatina Novello

3rd Movement

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Ridout: Concertino for Clarinet Emerson

Gomez: Lorito (Caprice) Lazarus

Grovlez: Sarabande & Allegro (Complete) Ledluc AL21268

Ellerby: Epitaph 1 (Souviiens-Toi) Maecenas

List C

Grade 8 Clarinet Exam Sheet

or Grade 8 Clarinet the Tutor Book London Music Press

Pashley: Study No.8

80 Studies for Clarinet Book 2 Faber

No.75, 76, 77, 78, 79, or 80

Progressive Studies for Clarinet Book 2 by Allen ABRSM

No.56

Passage Studies Book 2 arr. Thurston Boosey & Hawkes

No.5

Arnold: Fantasy Faber

Scalework (10 marks)

Two Octaves

All major scales

All harmonic and melodic minors

Dominant seventh in any key

Diminished 7th on any note

Chromatic on any note

Whole Tone scale on F and G Augmented Arpeggio on F and G

Questions (10 marks)

Sight Reading (10 marks)

Either Musicianship Tests (10 Marks)

Test 25: To clap a rhythm in 2/2, 6/8, 5/4, or 7/8 time - four

bars played twice by the examiner, to

identify the time-signature, and to say if the melody is in a

major or minor key.

Test 26: To hum, play or play a 4-bar phrase played twice by the examiner, and then continue for 4 further bars with an

answering phrase, not necessarily in sequence.

Test 27: To identify triads as major, minor, diminished or augmented, and to name the notes in them, the root note

being given by the examiner.

Test 20: To identify a cadence as Perfect or Imperfect.

Test 29: To name the notes in a mediant triad in a major key, and the tonic chords having been played and named by the

examiner.

or Composition (10 Marks)

Perform an own composition in Rondo form. It should have balanced phrases and move to at least two related keys.

Gold Medal

SURNAME	FORENAMES	SUBJECT	GRADE

Entry for the Gold Medal is restricted to those who have already passed the Silver Medal in Clarinet Playing.

Candidates must present a balanced programme of their own choice of five solos. The standard of difficulty should be suitable to this level of examination.

Candidates should be able to introduce their programmes as to a live audience. Examiners will expect to be treated as an audience and addressed accordingly. Introductions should be interesting and show some variety. Style can be that of a DJ, a compere, or a performer and it is recommended that candidates study these techniques at a live performance or TV or radio show.

There are no other tests for this examination and the marks are as follows:

Solo recital (90 marks)

Presentation and discussion of the work performed (10 marks)

Platinum Medal

SURNAME	FORENAMES	SUBJECT	GRADE

Candidates for the Platinum Medal must have previously passed the Gold Medal in the same subject

Candidates must present a balanced programme of their own choice of five pieces. The pieces should include the following:

- (A) An example of Traditional Jazz
- (B) A Popular or Contemporary Piece
- (C) A Piece from a Baroque Composer
- (D) A Piece from a Classical Composer
- (E) A piece from a Romantic Composer

The standard expected is that of an amateur performance at a live charity show Candidates should introduce their programmes to a live audience. Examiners will expect to be treated

as an audience and addressed accordingly. Introductions should be interesting and show some variety.

There are no other tests for this examination and the marks are as follows:

Solo recital (90 marks)

Presentation and discussion of the work performed (10 marks)

Diplomas in Clarinet Playing

Successful candidates in Diploma examinations receive an A3-sized diploma of a design little changed from 1890, along with the examiner report and an authorisation to purchase the appropriate academical robes.

All correspondence and payment for academical robes must be addressed directly to the official robemakers: Knights of Castle Cary, Knights Yard, Castle Cary, BA7 7AW United Kingdom.

Robes

Diploma (DipVCM):

A black gown of bachelors style and rigid black square hat with tassel.

Associate (AVCM, AMusVCM):

A hood of Oxford simple shape in royal blue lined light blue, a black gown of Cambridge bachelor style with ½ inch blue ribbon on the facings and rigid black square hat with tassel.

Licentiate (LVCM, LMusVCM):

A hood of Oxford simple shape in royal blue lined scarlet, a black gown of Cambridge bachelor style with ½ inch of scarlet ribbon on the facings and rigid black square hat with tassel.

Fellowship (FVCM):

A hood of Oxford simple shape in royal blue lined scarlet edged with white binding, a black gown of Cambridge bachelor style with 1 inch of scarlet ribbon on the facings and rigid black square hat with tassel.

Diploma in Clarinet Playing DipVCM

Entry should be made on pink diploma entry form. This diploma is available to candidates of any age.

PAPERWORK

Candidates for DipVCM must pass Victoria College of Music Grade V Theory of Music, which Candidates who can produce evidence of having passed GCSE in Music or equivalent may apply for exemption from the Theory requirement.

Part One Performance (80 marks)

To Play **Two Solos** solo drawn from Associate lists

To Play **One** Solo drawn from the Grade 8 List

To Play One **Own Choice** piece which may be an own composition

Part Two Sight Reading (10 marks)

Candidates are required to perform and answer questions on an unseen test after a few moments perusal.

Presentation and discussion of the work performed (10 marks)

Pass mark 75; with Honours 85

Associate Diploma (AVCM)

Candidates for AVCM must pass Victoria College of Music Grade V Theory of Music, which includes simple harmony: i.e. chords and cadences. The writing of sequences of chords is not required. See Theory syllabus for details. Candidates who can produce evidence of having passed GCSE in Music or equivalent may apply for exemption from the Theory requirement.

Syllabus I Performers Diploma

Solo Pieces (60 Marks)

To play THREE contrasting pieces by DIFFERENT composers, one from each list.

List A

Bax: Sonata for Clarinet Studio Music

Bernstein: Sonata in Eb IMP

Brahms: Sonata in Eb Op.120 No.2 Universal

Devienne: Sonata No.1 in C UMP Grovelez: Concertino UMP

Krommer: Concerto in Eb Op.36 Barenreiter

Lefevre: Sonata No.9 in F Ricordi Stamitz: Concerto No.3 in Bb Peters

Weber: Concerto in F minor Op.73 Boosey & Hawkes

List B

Poulenc: Sonata Chester any one movement

Arnold: Sonatina Op.34 Legnick

Gade: 4 Fantasiestuke Op.43 Music Sales any one Hindemith: Sonata for Clarinet Schott any one movement

Lutoslawski: Dance Preludes Chester any one Stanford: 3 Intermezzi Op.34 Chester any one

List C

Stravinsky: Three pieces for Clarinet Solo Chester

any one

Rachmaninov: Studies for Clarinet Emerson any one

Alfred Uhl: Forty Eight Studies for Clarinet Book 2 Schott

any one

Muller: 30 studies in all tonalities for the Clarinet Ricordi

any one

Naulais: Clarinette Plaisir Vol.3 UMP

any one

Scalework (20 marks)

All majors and Minors (harmonic and melodic)

Chromatic scale on any note Whole tone scale on any note Diminished 7th on any note Dominant 7th in any key

Augmented arpeggios on any note - all for 2 octaves

Questions (10marks)

Sight Reading (10 marks)

Syllabus II Recitalists Diploma

As outlined under Syllabus I above, except that, instead of Scalework, an own choice solo is to be offered in addition.

Syllabus III Teaching of Clarinet Playing (AVCM(TD))

This is an initial Teaching Diploma for those with some experience of teaching at the lower grades and who intend to study further for teaching qualifications.

Candidates must submit with their entries ONE of the following:

1. A folio showing work and notes for a 10-week term for one of these categories:

the young beginner; the teenage beginner; the adult beginner

The folio should include lists of appropriate pieces, studies, books, websites, etc. appended as a bibliography. The examiner will discuss the folio with the candidate at the examination. A mark is not awarded for the folio which is either approved+or to the state of the folio which is either proved+or to the folio which is either proved+or to the folio which is either proved+or to the folio which is either proved+or the folio which is either the folio whi

2. A 25 minute DVD of them teaching a pupil of Grade 1 to 5 standard. The lesson should show work on at least one piece (approx.15 minutes) and two other areas of the teacher continues choice. A numerical mark is not awarded but feedback and an approved+or to the approved continue approved continues.

Solo Pieces (50 marks)

ONE piece from Grade 1-3 lists

ONE piece from Grade 4-5 lists

TWO pieces as set for AVCM Syllabus 1

Scalework (10 marks) as set for Grade 8

Licentiate Diploma (LYCM)

Candidates for LVCM must pass Victoria College of Music Grade VI Theory of Music. See Theory syllabus for details. Candidates who can produce evidence of having passed "A" Level in Music or equivalent may apply for exemption from the Theory requirement.

Candidates for Licentiateship must be Associates of the VCM unless it has been agreed in advance in writing that this requirement can be waived by virtue of equivalent qualifications.

Licentiate Diploma (LVCM) Syllabus I Performers Diploma

Solo Pieces (60 marks)

To perform three contrasting pieces from the list below. In the case of a concerto or sonata or a suite, only one movement is required at the candidate choice.

Berg: 4 pieces Universal

Bowen: Sonata for clarinet Op.109 *Emerson*Brahms: Sonata in F minor Op.120 No.1 *Universal*Carpenter: Sonata for Clarinet *Camden Music*

Cooke: Sonata in Bb Music Sales

Copland: Concerto for Clarinet **Boosey & Hawkes**Ellerby: Sonata for clarinet **Maecenas Europe**Finzi: Clarinet Concerto Op.31 **Boosey & Hawkes**

Horovitz: Sonatina *Music Sales*Lefevre: Sonata in Bb Op.12 No.1 *OUP*

Martinu: Sonatina UMP

Milhaud: Duo Concertant Op.351 UMP

Patterson: Concersations Elkin

Rivier: Concerto UMP

Schumann: 3 Fatasiestucke Op. 73 *Peters*Spohr: Concerto No.1 in C minor Op.26 *Peters*Stanford: Clarinet Concerto in A minor Op.80 *Cramer*Weber: Grand Duo Concertante Op.48 *Boosey & Hawkes*

Scalework (20 marks)

Scales and arpeggios (2 octaves).
All majors and Minors (harmonic and melodic)
Chromatic scale on any note
Whole tone scale on any note
Diminished 7th on any note
Dominant 7th in any key
Augmented arpeggios on any note

Questions (10 marks)

to answer questions on i. the construction of intervals, scales, arpeggios

Sight Reading (10 marks)

LICENTIATE DIPLOMA (L.V.C.M.) Syllabus II Recitalists Diploma

As outlined under Syllabus I above, except that, instead of Scalework, an own choice solo is to be offered in addition.

Licentiate Diploma (LVCM(TD) Syllabus III in the Teaching of Clarinet Playing

Candidates must submit with their entry a Dissertation or DVD as in the AVCM(TD) Syllabus, except the Dissertation must be 1500-2000 words in length (excluding topics set for AVCM (TD)), and the DVD should be about 30 minutes in length, showing about 20 minutes work on a piece of at least Grade 6 level, and about ten minutes on two other aspects of Teaching of this instrument.

PERFORMANCE SECTION (40 Marks)

To play TWO pieces by DIFFERENT composers, from the LVCM Syllabus I list (one of which may be an own choice)

TEACHING SECTION (50 Marks)

The candidate is to present TWO contrasted pieces by DIFFERENT composers from the VCM Grade Examination lists for this instrument, as follows
ONE piece from the Grade 6-7 lists;
ONE piece from Grade 8.

The candidate must be able to demonstrate/discuss the teaching of these pieces to examination readiness, to explain the difficulties likely to be encountered by the pupil, and to suggest ways of overcoming these problems.

The examiner may request extracts or complete performances of the chosen pieces, and the candidates playing of them WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT when arriving at the mark for this section.

The candidate must be able to demonstrate/discuss the teaching of Scalework as set for up to Grade 8.

Sight Reading (10 marks)

Fellowship Diploma (FVCM)

Candidates for Fellowship must be Licentiates of the VCM in Clarinet or other Wind Instrument Playing unless it has been agreed in advance in writing that this requirement can be waived by virtue of equivalent qualifications. There is no Theory requirement for these diplomas.

Fellowship Diploma (FVCM) Syllabus I Performers Diploma in Clarinet Playing

Candidates for the Fellowship Diploma are required to prepare a concert recital for the examination and should dress accordingly.

Candidates must present to the examiner on the day of the exam a portfolio of the pieces offered at the practical exam which will include a concert programme, copies of the pieces performed and some factual information about the pieces submitted. One of the solos must be a substantial guitar work. e.g. concerto, sonata or a suite.

Solo recital (90 marks)

Questions (10 marks)

To discuss the pieces performed intelligently with the examiner, and repertoire for the instrument in general.



Fellowship Diploma (FVCM(TD)) Syllabus II in Teaching of Clarinet Dlaving

Candidates must submit with their entry a Dissertation or DVD as in the LVCM (TD) Syllabus, except that the dissertation must be 3500-5000 words in length (excluding topics set for AVCM (TD) or material already submitted for LVCM (TD), and the DVD should be about 40 minutes in length, showing about 25 minutes work on a piece of at least DipVCMAVCM level, and about 15 minutes on two other aspects of the teaching of this instrument.

Performance Section (40 Marks)

To play TWO contrasting pieces, of a standard commensurate with the Fellowship examination lasting approximately 20 minutes

Teaching Section (50 Marks)

The candidate is to present TWO contrasted pieces by DIFFERENT composers from the VCM Grade Examinations as follows:

ONE piece from the Grade 8 Syllabus ONE piece from the AVCM, or LVCM Syllabuses.

The candidate must be able to demonstrate/discuss the teaching of these pieces to examination readiness, to explain the difficulties likely to be encountered by the pupil, and to suggest ways of overcoming these problems.

The examiner may request extracts or complete performances of the chosen pieces, and the candidates playing of them WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT when arriving at the mark for this section.

Sight Reading (10 Marks)